

Las Vegas Woods and Waters
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GAMEBAG

"all we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it"



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April 10th Lunch Program: Mike Reese with the Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife gives updates on the legislative issues happening in Carson City.

April 20th Spring Feast at Clark County Shooting Complex, CCSC.

This is a great family event, all the food you can eat for FREE. Eating starts at noon. Kyle Otto is in charge of the cooking....crawfish, shrimp, sausage, potatoes, carrots, and corn on the cobb all Cajon style. Kyle can use some help both with cooking and clean up contact him if you are available 219-4803.



We will be trying out the recently opened Sporting Clays Course. Mike Reese will be in charge of the Sporting Clays shoot, Mike has it set for 50 targets with sign ups at 8:30 and shooting starting at 9am \$30 each includes a cart, guaranteed cart for the first 40 shooters to sign up, after that it will be a scramble. Bring extra shells for the shoot, you may get a free back up shot if you miss, and bring an extra box of shells for a possible fun shoot after the main shoot. This is a Marksman of the Year shooting event.



The Banquet was a huge success! Great job Mike Taylor as the head of the committee and congratulations to Sean Cassidy announced as the Sportsman of the Year and Mike Reese for taking a leap of faith and getting engaged at the event.

Next meeting Wednesday May 8th 12 noon at Charlie's Lakeside located at 8603 W. Sahara (Sahara and Durango) Price \$20



Randy Weaver's Presidents Message

What a great month March and Spring arrive at the same time and the 2013 annual Woods and Water Banquet was held at the South Point Casino and Hotel on March 16th and was again a great success with over 200 people attending and having lots of fun and leaving with many prizes and guns. If your looking to spend time on Lake Mohave this summer I hear Sean Cassidy has a big 60ft house boat he would like to share!!!!

The banquet is a big hit each year because of all the hard work and time donated by the members that volunteer to help on the banquet committee so a big thank-you to all those that helped it is greatly appreciated and a special thanks to banquet chairman Mike Taylor who did a fantastic job.

Mike Reese was a super MC and some how convinced his girl to marry him (somebody needs to buy her some eye glasses) just kidding Mike good luck to the both of you from the club.

We had many club members who sponsored tables and donated items and money towards guns for all ages who attended thanks to everyone for your support ..we appreciate your contributions.

On the hunting front its time to get your big game applications sent in for Nevada and surrounding states. Brian Patterson has listed just about every place you would want to hunt in the gamebag-this guy is on it.

We have our Spring feast coming up on April 20th. Kyle Otto is cooking again and Russ Johnson assisting I'm sure the food will be great and Mike Reese is running the shoot. Please bring yourself and a possible new member as it a great oppurtunity to introduce someone to the club.

Keeping our membership up is very important to the club so we are encouraging everyone to bring a friend or neighbor or relative to a luncheon at Charlies Lakeside they just might enjoy the same things we do.

There are several fishing events scheduled the next few months so look for dates and honchos in this months game bag. Eagle Valley fishing trip is planned in April and I just recieved word today that a night fishing event is being planned in June and July at Lake Mead so more information will be following in next months gamebag.

As I mentioned last month my wife and I were attending the Boat US Colligate Bag Bass Bash held in Branson ,MO last week.. to support our son and his team mates on the Cornhusker Bass Fishing Team. The weather in the midwest is always changing and true to form we attended a college tournament in blizzard conditions in Branson and watched 64 boats filled with eager young men ready to fish head onto the lake in freezing rain,sleet ,snow and cold blizzard . But nothing stops a fishing tournament unless the lake freezes over so the boys fished all day caught fish and was a heck of a tournament. Pictures and story to be in next months Game Bag!!!!!! Read about the 7lb bass that were caught in the blizzard.

To our members that are dealing with health problems we are thinking of you!!

Thanks to all members for support.

2013 Woods and Water President

Randy Weaver

**New Meeting Location for the Club Charlie's Lakeside at 8603 W. Sahara
Price of \$20 per person!**

PYRAMID LAKE EARLY SPRING LADDER FISHING

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I met up with an old high school buddy in Reno at 4am last Saturday to hit Pyramid Lake for big Lohattan Cutthroats. This time of year you wade out as far as you can with a ladder and climb up then fish off the ladder. Several locals have custom platforms with swivel chairs mounted on top. We got to the lake with 20-30 mph winds coming across the lake straight at us. WAVES were 2-2 ½ feet high, even breaking over with a curl just like in the ocean. "Cold and windy conditions seem to be best for catching the big ones" according to Norm, my buddy. A couple guys had braved the waves to get their ladders set but Norm and I elected to sit in the truck awhile, waiting till 15 mins before sun up. We headed out gingerly in the dark with head lamps, and when the water was only knee deep the waves would push up well over our waist and splash close to the tops of our waders. We had to keep an eye on the waves and jump up as they rolled in....just like the ocean. Water was spraying our faces and I kept licking my lips thinking I'd taste salt water but this was a fresh water lake, not the ocean. We saw a guy wading around in circles in the dark....he was looking for his custom made ladder with swivel chair that had been blown over and was now nowhere to be found. I kept looking at Norm and saying "man this is crazy" he kept easing into deeper water. We were trying to get lined up with the other 10-15 guys already out on their ladders and fishing. You have to set up early in the dark or you won't get a spot. We were in waist deep water and this guy that was looking for his ladder was 20 yards ahead of us and when a wave would roll in he would disappear from view for a second....that's how big the waves were.

No matter how high I jumped as a wave came in I couldn't stay above waterline. Cold water was over my waders and flooding first my shirt and then my fleece liners, then my under ware and on down to my socks and feet! Finally I got my ladder set and scrambled up it to get above the waves. I stood there still knee deep in the water, gloves soaked and an eye on the next wave. I was knocked off my ladder NUMEROUS times, too many to count.

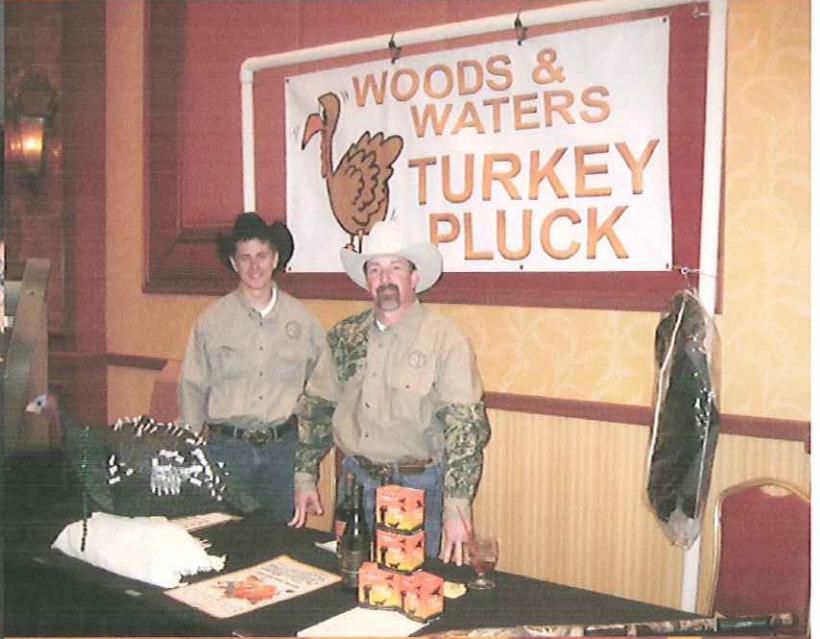
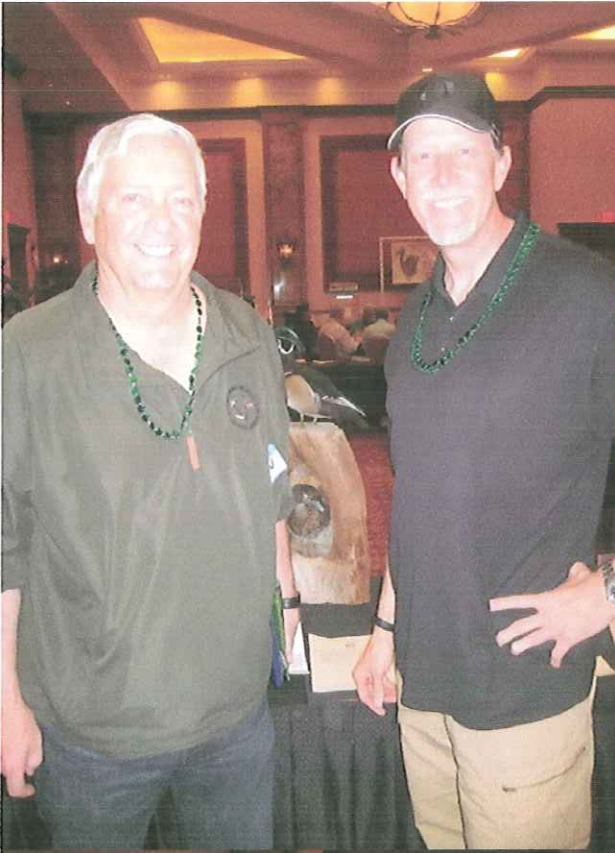
Casting into the wind was a nightmare! I was flailing like a rooky. Norm was not doing much better. We couldn't get off the ladders without holding on to them or they would be washed away. After about 30-45 mins that other guy finally found his ladder. He attached a big bouy to it and set up next to Norm. The next guy over was SLAYING the fish! Literally catching one every cast for awhile then every 2 or 3 casts he would be hooked up! He was also on a custom made STABLE platform ladder with swivel chair so he could land and unhook his fish. It wasn't long and I hooked into a fish. I fought him for a while with 3-4 good runs. In past years I would get off the ladder and back my way toward shore to land the fish in shallow ankle deep water but with the waves I couldn't leave the ladder or it would be gone. I couldn't land the fish from the ladder because with each big wave I had to hold on to the top or be knocked off. I messed with that fish for about 10 mins before it was played out enough that I could manage to get him to the ladder and reach down and grab it and unhook him for the release. It was a nice fish 18-20 inches and hefty. OK this was worth the suffering conditions. After a few more mins I was just too cold and had to pack it in to warm up at the truck. I carried my ladder and gear back out. Norm stayed with it. The guy next to him had landed over 30 fish and Norm was still at 0 and me at 1.



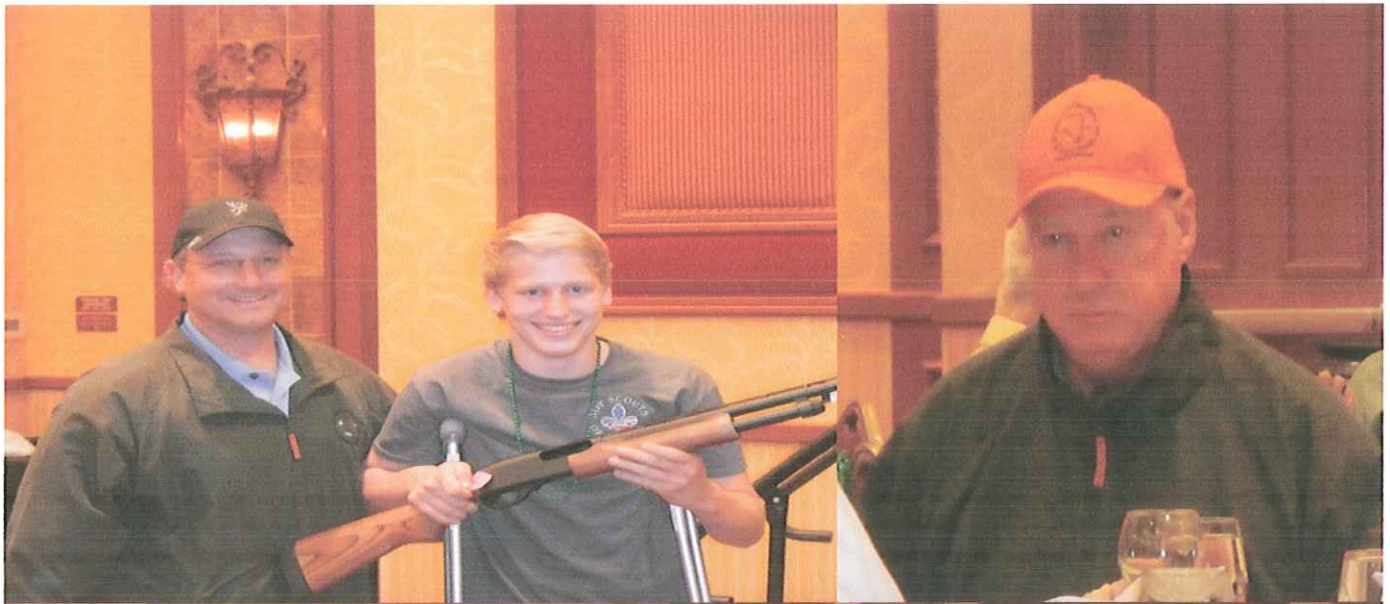
Norm got cold too so I waded out to him and took his place on his ladder as he went in to warm up. I fished another 30 mins or so and only got knocked off Norms taller ladder once. No more fish for me. Yet the guy next to us landed another 20-25! One looked to be 24-25 inches and well over the 5lb mark. We were both cold and wet and decided to give up. We did drive down the lake a few miles and tried fishing from shore in another spot for about 30-45 mins with no fish. So we called it a day. Norm 0 bp 1. Pretty sorry day of catching. I didn't get a picture of my fish as there was just no way to get all that done on a ladder in those conditions so you will have to take my word for it. I'm headed back up there in 4 weeks, hope to try it again in better weather.

2013 Banquet images:

Ticket girls, John Fenner and Russ Swain, Aaron LaDuke in charge of the Turkey Pluck,



Youth gun winners Niki Johnson and Caiden Bradshaw with his new Daisy BB gun and Ken Johnson presenting Lisa Demmel with the .410 shotgun he donated.



Top right Sean Cassidy with Jack Luby winner of a youth gun. Happy Mike Taylor enjoying the fun. Bottom left AR15 lucky winner Mrs. Lindell. Bottom right Mike Reese proposes to Mary Turkeri.....is he still waiting on a response? Of course she said "yes".

Sean Cassidy, Congratulations being named SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR an honor so well deserved. You are now one of the few so honored of this highest award given by our club making it a very special accomplishment. I know you must be proud to be recognized by your peers for your good works on behalf of our club and recognition of your leadership and example for all of us. We all look forward in working with you in the years ahead continuing making our club "THE BEST" of it's kind in Las Vegas. All we want to do is HUNT, FISH, MEET and TALK about it.

Cheers Ken Johnson Founder LVWWC'91

Thanks to all the members for supporting me and making it possible for my election as Sportsman of the Year. 2013 is going to be a great year and we kicked it off with a super banquet. I hope to see all of you new and old out in the field and at the events coming up in 2013. As Mr Ken Johnson would say, "New members are the key to our LVWW success so reach out to a friend and invite them out to a function, and show them what it's all about". That's how I got hooked.

Thanks, Sean



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUY—SELL— TRADE

Buyers & sellers agree to obey all firearms laws and local regulations in all transactions and hold LVW&W harmless.

Brian Patterson is still looking for a Ruger Mark III or IV 22 pistol with adjustable sites, if anyone has one for sale contact Brian at 715-2020.

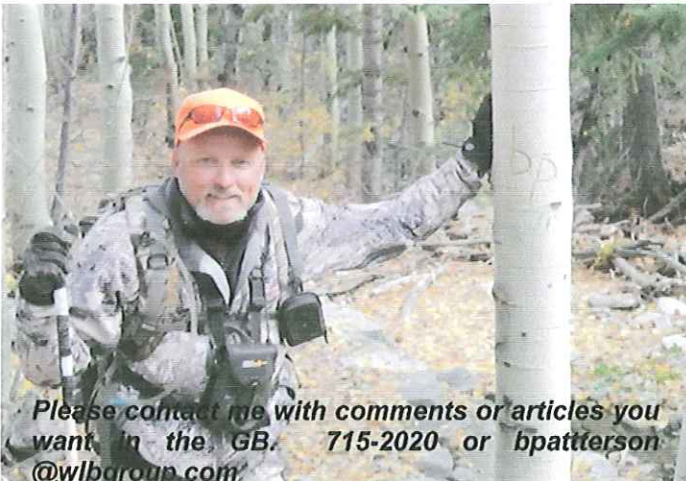
New members: Charles Jackson

If you see a new face at lunch say hi, introduce yourself and welcome the guys to the club. Invite them to one of our next shoots or outings.

Ruby Mountains horse pack in fishing trip planned.....

Neil Dille is putting together a fishing trip in the Ruby Mountains for later this summer. Member Danny Riddle is the guide, it will be the last week of July 25-28. Danny will be packing us in on mules to some high alpine lakes to do some fishing. If you wish to come early or stay late and fish the nearby Ruby Marsh that is ok. The cost is \$750.00 per person for three days. Lots more information will be coming, we would really like to get some interest in this trip. Maximum group size is 10.

For more information contact Neil at 234-7215



Please contact me with comments or articles you want in the GB. 715-2020 or bpatterson@wlbgroup.com

In the News/Coming Events

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Next Meeting May 7th 5:30-9 pm at the Clark County Government Center, Pueblo room.

Mule Deer Foundation Meadow Valley Chapter banquet April 6th, Caliente Fire Station

Fraternity of Desert Bighorn Banquet May 18th at South Point

Rocky Mountain Elk Federation Banquet at South Point June 1st.

Club Secretary John Gorman had surgery Feb 7th to replace a valve in his heart. He has a new cow valve installed, the last one was put in 15 years ago. John is on the mend, we wish him a speedy recovery as his skills are sorely needed on the trap club team. John is still in a slow recovery as of print deadline.

2013 Officers

President	Randy Weaver
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2 nd Vice President	Sean Cassidy
Treasurer	Mike Reese
Secretary	John Gorman
Warden	Russ Johnson
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Board Chairman, past pres	Joe Luby

Club Board of Directors 2013

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Brian Patterson
Sean Cassidy
Neil Dille
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3 YR TERM

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Ralph Willits

Calendar of Events (tentative at best)

January- Ice Fishing Cave Lake 26th
Honcho Neil Dille 234-7215

February- Texas Hold'em Poker Event 10th
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

March- Annual Banquet South Point 16th 5pm
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012
Sunnyside Ice Out 23rd
Honcho George Sundvick 540-9016

April- Spring Feast and Sporting Clays 20th at CCSC
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501 Kyle Otto

May- Silhouette Rifle Shoot 4th at CCSC 8am-12pm
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466
Eagle Valley Trout Fishing 4th/5th
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612

June- Lake Mead Night Striper Fishing 7th
Honcho George Sundvick 540-9016
Black Powder Shoot 22nd at CCSC 7am-1pm
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020

July- Archery Shoot 13th at Sportsman's Warehouse
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612
Catfish Night Fishing 19th at Lake Mead
Honcho George Sundvick 540-9016

August- San Diego Tuna Trip 17-18th
Honcho Sean Cassidy 371-1612
Lake Mead Striper Tournament 24th
Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829

September- Yuma AZ Dove hunt 1-2nd
Honcho Russ Johnson 271-0430
Fall Feast and Trap 14th at CCSC
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501

October- Searchlight Quail Hunt 19-20th
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

November- Turkey Shoot pistol silhouette 16th
Honcho Don Turner 602 799-6466

December- 3 Gun Shoot 12th at Guns Ammo
Honcho Bob LaPome 378-3373

Honchos needed for some events! Volunteer today!
Marksman of the Year or Angler of the Year Events
Look for info about these and other events in future issues
of the GameBag.



Luncheon Dates

(2nd Wed of each month at Charlie's Lakeside)

January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Marksman of the Year standings

2013 Standings after 0 events

Your name here 10 pts

Angler of the Year Standings

2013 Standings after 1 event

Sean Cassidy 10 pts
Neil Dille 9 pts
Steve Reiter 8 pts
Brian Patterson 7 pts

"If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself"
Albert Einstein

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Fishing Reports have been good, get out there now

The ice is off at Sunnyside, Eagle Valley, Echo and Otter Creek Reservoirs....now is the time to be out fishing these waters. Kolob reservoir should be ice free soon. It's worth using a sick day at the office to get out and hit these places early in the spring before hot weather puts a damper on the fishing. I've been out twice in the last 10 days and had some awesome fishing. We have more fishing outings planned for the club, new member George Sundvick has stepped up to honcho a midnight striper event in June and a midnight catfish event in July, both on Lake Mead. We will keep you posted on the details.

Does anyone hunt or fish? I haven't heard the story or seen any pictures. Write up a short note about a past hunt, fishing or camping trip. Heck send me pictures of your grandkids, I need material for the GB. Wouldn't it be great if I had "extra" articles and pictures that I had to hold some for a future issue.

Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work and send out e-mails or type up stories for the GB. Well I wasn't there again today !